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Our Association's 40th Year



"Prez Sez"

JULY 4TH & ENA'S 40TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION!

We had a beautiful day for our 4th of July Celebration! Lots of great sun, food, neighbors, and games to celebrate the day. And in honor of the 40th year of the Elvehjem Neighborhood Association, Mayor Dave Cieslewicz signed a proclamation naming July 4, 2008, as Elvehjem Neighborhood Association Day! Alder Judy Compton attended the picnic and presented the proclamation to the ENA Board. (I heard Judy worked hard and quickly to get the proclamation approved by the City Council, so thank you Judy!) Carl's Cakes donated a beautiful cake to commemorate our 40th anniversary. A list of raffle and parade decoration winners as well as a copy of the ENA Day proclamation will be in the next Echo

Thanks to all our wonderful volunteers who helped make this event a success, including current and former Board members and other neighborhood residents who devoted their holiday time to setting up games, serving food, selling raffle tickets, and helping to clean up the park shelter.

I also thank all the businesses and neighbors who contributed to the event, including: Carl's Cakes, Spot Liquor, Wirag's Sentry, PDQ on East Buckeye Rd., Smart Motors, Culvers, Francois Oil Company-Citgo Quick Mart, Milio's, the Green Bay Packers, the Milwaukee Brewers, Mon-goose Bikes, Frito Lay, A-to-Z Rentall, and our awesome UW hockey ticket connection. And thank you to the Madison Fire Department for leading the parade!

EVENT IDEAS?

There are still lots of great things going on in our area this summer, but if you have other ideas for neighborhood activities or any other suggestions, please contact a board member.

GARAGE SALE

The sign up for the garage sale is in this issue. The deadline for signing up is July 31.

MEMBERSHIP

Don't forget to complete the membership form your block captain has distributed to you. The form is also available at our website and from your block captain or any board member.

CALENDAR

- ◆ **July 17, 2008**..... Capital City Bike Trail Meeting
6:30—8:00 PM..... Pinney Branch Library
- ◆ **July 25, 2008**..... **Art Cart**
9:30 AM—12:30 PM ... Acewood Park
- ◆ **August 6, 2008**..... **Monthly Board Meeting**
7:00 PM..... East Precinct Police Station
- ◆ **August 8 & 9**..... **Elvehjem Neighborhood Garage Sale**
- ◆ **August 8, 2008**..... **Elvehjem School Playground Fundraising Kickoff & GROUNDBREAKING**
8:00 AM..... Elvehjem School Playground
- ◆ **September 5**..... **Elvehjem School Boundless Playground GRAND OPENING**
5:30 PM..... Elvehjem School Playground

BIKE TRAIL MEETING

The City of Madison Engineering Division and 16th District Alder Judy Compton invite you to a meeting about a proposed extension of the Capital City Trail from where it currently ends at Cottage Grove Road to Buckeye Road. The meeting will be Thursday, July 17, from 6:30 to 8:00 PM at the Pinney Branch Library, 204 Cottage Grove Road.

This important project has been in the planning stage for several years. The City has been trying since early 2007 to acquire needed property from the railroad. Unwillingness on the part of Union Pacific Railroad to work with the City has delayed the project.

We're now looking at an alternate route that will achieve some of the goals of the original project, until such time as we are able to acquire the railroad easements. That route would be on-street from Cottage Grove Road to Acewood Park, using Vernon Avenue and Leo Drive. From there it would become a paved path extending south through the park to an existing pedestrian easement connecting to the end of Deerwood Drive. From Deerwood it would continue back to the rail corridor, then south to Buckeye Road via two other existing pedestrian easements.

City staff will describe the plan and answer questions about the proposed design, obtain your input and discuss possible ways to address them.

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Stoughton Road Revitalization Project

Greetings! I'm attaching a notice as written by the Stoughton Road Revitalization Project (SRRP) Committee. As you know, this project has been on my radar since I was first elected to serve you. I've also written of the good work that the SRRP Committee has accomplished over the last couple of years.

I'm so proud of your neighborhood representatives who served on this project committee, Fred Arnold and Jim Polewski. As Chairman, Fred directed the committee with a relentless determination. Fred and Jim presented the plan and the grassroots effort it took to get it from an idea to completion at a National Competition in Virginia. With competition from 4 other States, they brought home the "gold" for Madison and for the 16th District. You will read about this in the following notice.

Already the City has applications for a Family Fun Center, two motels (one with that water park I have mentioned previously) along with a couple of projects that I can't mention yet. Change is happening!

The SRRP Committee has placed the welcome mat at the front door of the 16th District and the City as a whole. When you see Jim or Fred----thank them!

Judy

Alder Judy Compton, 16th District, City of Madison
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Stoughton Road Revitalization Project Receives 2008 National Multi-Neighborhood Award

It has been a busy two months for the Stoughton Road Revitalization Project (SRRP) board. We presented our plan to seven city committees when we learned we were a finalist for the 2008 Neighborhoods USA Multi-Neighborhood Award. Neighborhoods USA represents neighborhoods from around the country, furthering the interests of community leaders at the grassroots level.

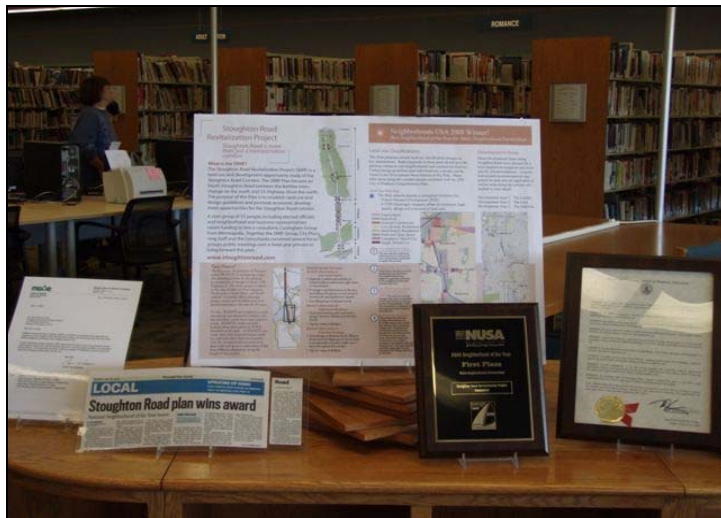
Two days after we presented to the Plan Commission, two SRRP board members flew to the Neighborhoods USA national conference in Hampton, Virginia to present our project to a panel of judges. We were up against four other multi-neighborhood projects from all across the country.

2007-2008 ENA Board of Directors

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Contact a Board member with your comments or questions concerning a subject affecting our neighborhood. You're invited to attend any ENA board meetings.

**The ENA Board of Directors needs
members—CAN YOU HELP?
If so, contact any of us.**



Above: A display of the National Multi-Neighborhood Award given the SRRP Project at the Pinney Library.

Award winners were announced the final day of the conference. We are thrilled to announce that we received the 2008 National Multi-Neighborhood of the Year Award. In addition to the title and a plaque, we received \$500.

Shortly after our win, we presented to the Common Council asking for adoption of our plan into the city's Comprehensive Plan. At that meeting we received accommodation from the city in recognition of the national award, and our plan was unanimously approved by the Council. Our plan will now be used as the litmus test for businesses hoping to invest in the road.

Importantly, resident and business owners will now see the road for its future, not just its past, as not only the front door to our neighborhood but also as the Gateway to the city.

Member Corner

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Notices are limited to 40 words and run on a first come, first-served, space-available basis. Youth ads are good for 3 months; all others are 1 month per request. If space is limited, ENA member notices have priority. Notices may be edited. Send requests to ENA, PO Box 14625, Madison, 53708-0625; or newsletter@elvehjemneighborhood.org; or deposit in Echo mailbox at 21 Vinje Court.

Babysitting: Need a responsible, reliable babysitter? I am 16 years old and have 5 years of experience. I prefer kids age 3 and older. For more information and references, please call Sarah at 223-0229. (Expires 07/01/08)

“Errand Boy”: Summertime help is here! I am 11 years old and a very hard worker. I will walk your dog or pet sit while you are on vacation; help with yard work; even bike to the grocery store for you! Call Sven. 442-7199. (Expires 09/01/08)

Found—Big Black Dog: On our doorstep Wednesday, June 11. He’s a sweet dog with white on his feet. He’s at my house and if you don’t pick him up, I just might keep him. Call Amy at 222-5614.

General Maintenance: Need your house pressure washed or lawn moved? No job is too big or too small—we can do it all, from your general maintenance needs to remodeling. Call today and the job can be done tomorrow. Schoer’s Maintenance 222-8369.

Comments or questions before or after the meeting can be given to:

City of Madison Engineering, Tony Fernandez, Project Engineer, 210 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., Room 115, Madison, 53707 (266-9219)
(afernandez@cityofmadison.com)

You may also provide comments regarding the proposed interim plan to:

District 16 Alderperson Judy Compton at 221-2567 (home) or 223-6007 (work) or jcompton@cityofmadison.com.

If you or someone in your family wish to walk or bike this path or you live near the proposed route, this will be an important meeting for you. Please join us.

BOUNDLESS PLAYGROUND

In our calendar you’ll notice several events related to the “LVM Dreams Big” boundless playground efforts. Please come see what is going on. For more information see www.playgroundsupport.com.

Kate Strom President,

Elvehjem Neighborhood Association

Construction is expected on the East Buckeye Road/Interstate-90/39 overpass until November 2008.

It takes just the right ingredients to create the perfect sale—an appealing property, an enthusiastic client, and an experienced agent!

When it’s time to change your address, don’t settle for anyone less than the best.

Give us a call!



JUDY COMPTON and Associates

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Sign Up
Deadline July 31

Complete this form and return it with \$5.00 to Diana Winter, 4617 Steinhauer Trail (223-1994), Make checks payable to "Elvehjem Neighborhood Association". You'll be on the sale map and listing of participants in the sale.

2008 ANNUAL ELVEHJEM NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

GARAGE SALE

Friday, August 8 & Saturday, August 9

Your Name: _____ Phone Number: _____

Your Address: _____

If you wish items mentioned on the garage sale map and list, such as "baby clothes", "gas grill", etc., please list them here:
